

- (B) a copolymer of ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, and  
(C) a copolymer of an unsaturated carboxylic acid, or an  $\alpha,\omega$ -aminocarboxylic acid.

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*Please add the following claims:*

45. A thermoplastic composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, having incorporated therein a crosslinked phase from a reaction of components consisting essentially of:

(A) a copolymer made from an unsaturated epoxide or a polyolefin grafted with an unsaturated epoxide,

(B) a copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, and

(C) a copolymer made from an unsaturated carboxylic acid, or an  $\alpha,\omega$ -aminocarboxylic acid.

46. A thermoplastic composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, having incorporated therein a crosslinked phase from a reaction of components consisting of:

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(A) a copolymer made from an unsaturated epoxide or a polyolefin grafted with an unsaturated epoxide,

(B) a copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride,

(C) a copolymer made from an unsaturated carboxylic acid, or an  $\alpha,\omega$ -aminocarboxylic acid.

47. A composition according to claim 20, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is a polyamide, (A) is the copolymer made from ethylene and glycidyl methacrylate or the polyolefin is ethylene grafted with glycidyl methacrylate; (B) is the copolymer made from ethylene and maleic anhydride; and (C) is the copolymer made from ethylene and acrylic acid, or ethylene and methacrylic acid.

48. A composition according to claim 20, wherein the copolymer (C) promotes the crosslinking of copolymers (A) and (B).

49. A composition according to claim 20, wherein the copolymer (C) is 20 – 80% by weight of copolymer (B).

50. A composition according to claim 20, wherein the weight ratio of (C)/(B) is 0.2 – 0.8.

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51. A composition according to claim 20, wherein the copolymer (C) is 20 – 50% by weight of copolymer (B).

52. A composition according to claim 20, wherein the weight ratio of (C)/(B) is 0.2 – 0.5.--

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